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THE BULLETIN IDEA.

COLLEGES and universities are realizing today as never before that to fulfill a mission of the widest usefulness they must open new avenues of communication from their doors to the homes of the people they serve. We are beginning to realize this fact at Millsaps. We have too long stood in isolation. Our alumni need to be bound to their *alma mater* by the constant renewing of their bonds of affection and by the frequent revival of old-time sentiments. The ministers with whom we make common cause as servants of the Church are at least entitled to a knowledge of the progress the College is making. The 200,000 Methodists of Mississippi who support with their good will, their money, and their patronage the College which they have organized, need to be informed as to what the College is accomplishing in the name of the Church.

With the view of bringing the College into closer touch with its alumni, the ministers, and the people of the State it will henceforth be the policy of the administration to issue and circulate, instead of an annual catalog, quarterly bulletins of information. The first of these is somewhat general in character, including a communication from the President relative to the session of 1917-18, and an account of various other activities of recent date. One of succeeding bulletins will be a special alumni number, and others will contain much of the material formerly contained in the catalog.

In the visit of the Bulletin to the homes of the people we hope to establish and maintain cordial relationships with all the friends of the College.

THE SESSION OF 1917-1918.

A. F. WATKINS

The twenty-sixth session of Millsaps College opened September 19th with the promise of a good attendance. For two or three days it seemed as though the expectation of a greatly lessened number of matriculates—a condition brought about by the war situation—would not be realized, and that the opening would equal that of the preceding session. But within a week the fact developed that the decrease in the number of students was at least ten per cent as compared with last session, and within a month the lessened attendance was seen to be quite twenty per cent. This decrease was less than had been anticipated; but enough to show that Millsaps had suffered—though happily in a smaller degree—the losses in its numbers that had come to the other Colleges for young men throughout the country.

It was thought that the upper classes would show most seriously the effects of the selective draft, and that the lower classes would probably register their normal size. But in this we were mistaken. The senior class is nearly as large as the record class of last year, the junior class shows about its usual number; while the greatest losses are seen to have been suffered by the sophomore and freshman classes. The Law School is slightly smaller than usual; the number of co-educational students is about the same as of last year; and the Preparatory School registers a few more than for several years.

The students entering the Freshman class are unusually well prepared, showing increasingly good work upon the part of the High Schools of the State. There are fewer

students asking for special courses, which would seem to indicate a growing appreciation of the importance of the regular College courses.

All of the varying forms of College activity are being carried on with the usual regularity and interest. The instruction in military drill and tactics is given five times per week by competent instructors; the athletic interest is scarcely less than normal; the Y. M. C. A., the Bible classes, the Glee Club and orchestra, and the literary societies, find their usual places in the life of the student body. Altogether the session gives promise of being one of the best in the history of the institution.

THE QUARTER CENTENNIAL.

A. A. KERN.

The life of an individual is measured by years, that of an institution by centuries. With the celebration of its quarter centennial on May 29, 1917, Millsaps College came of age and passed from the period of experiment and youth into a young manhood bright with promise. From the standpoint of academic reputation and achievements, Millsaps had many years ago reached the full stature of manhood and had been doing a man's work in the college life of Mississippi. Now that it can measure its age by the quarters of centuries, it can claim to be in every sense a full-fledged college.

The internal growth of the College has kept steady pace with its increase in age. Beginning in 1892 with one building and five professors and an endowment of $50,000, it has grown steadily until now there are four buildings, not counting the new dormitory to be erected in the spring,

thirteen professors, and an endowment of $552,000. And there is every reason to believe that the next twenty five years will see an equal increase in the material equipment of the college, with a corresponding widening and strengthening of its academic influence.

Invitations for the quarter centennial exercises were issued to all the alumni, to every member of the two conferences, to every college in the State, and to every member of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States. The academic procession was composed of over two hundred members, arrayed in cap and gown with hoods indicating by their colors the wearer's *alma mater* and his degree. It was probably the most learned and imposing assemblage of its sort that the State has ever seen. Almost every variety of academic degree and nearly every institution of higher learning in the United States were represented in its ranks. The procession was formed at the Carnegie Millsaps Library and proceeded to the College Chapel in the following order:

Chief Marshall, DR. J. M. SULLIVAN.
Assistant Marshall, PROF. G. L. HARRELL.

FIRST DIVISION.

Marshall, J. L. LANCASTER.
Chorus and Student Representatives, Presiding Elders, and Visiting Preachers.

SECOND DIVISION.

Marshall, W. B. GATES.
Alumni of the College.

THIRD DIVISION.

Marshall, J. B. FEIBELMAN.
Graduating Class Jackson High School.

FOURTH DIVISION.

Marshall, W. E. BUFKIN.
Graduating Class of the College.

FIFTH DIVISION.

Marshall, J. S. SHIPMAN.
Faculty of the College.

SIXTH DIVISION.

Marshall, C. G. VENTRESS.
Representatives from Southern Colleges.

SEVENTH DIVISION.

Marshall, O. W. CONNER.

Trustees, Guests, and Speakers, and the President of the College.

The exercises of the morning were as follows:

Address in behalf of the Church Schools of Mississippi, by Rev. M. E. Melvin, D. D., Superintendent of the Presbyterian Schools in Mississippi.

Address in behalf of the State Schools of Mississippi, by Professor David H. Bishop of the University of Mississippi.

Address in behalf of the Educational Institutions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by Rev. Stonewall Anderson, D. D., Educational Secretary for the Church.

Address in behalf of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States by the President of the Association, President William A. Webb, Litt. D., of the Randolph Macon Woman's College.

It has been an unwritten law of the College that no honorary degrees should be conferred until the College had attained its academic majority. It was therefore most fitting that the occasion should be signalized by the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Letters upon Professor Robert Scott Ricketts. No act of the trustees has ever met with such universal and instantaneous approval; for over twenty years Professor Ricketts has exemplified to Millsaps students those qualities which have made the name of Arnold of Rugby a household word in English homes.

No account of the quarter centennial exercises would be complete which did not render to Professor G. L. Harrell due praise for his part in them. From the inception of the idea he took a leading interest in the movement and carried to a most successful conclusion the many details connected with it.

MILLSAPS MEN IN THE SERVICE OF THE COUNTRY.

G. L. HARRELL.

Since the founding of Millsaps College the United States has been at war twice with foreign countries—with Spain in 1898, and with Germany since April of the present year—1917.

Patriotism has not been lacking in the breasts of those who have come to Millsaps. In the first mentioned conflict some of the students enlisted, patriotic feeling being spurred on by the fact that the Mississippi soldiers were encamped on the north campus, that part where the grandstand and the observatory are now located. The drill

ground was comprised between the Illinois Central Railroad and West Street, where the Methodist Orphanage now stands.

The same spirit that prompted the boys in 1898 to join the colors has shown itself again in a more pronounced measure, impelling many of the students and graduates of the college to offer themselves to their country.

Other institutions that are older may boast of their sons who have fought in earlier wars as well as the two above mentioned but none can say that their sons have been more loyal to the country than the boys who have gone out from Millsaps to uphold the flag and honor of their country and help to "make the world safe for democracy."

The College is proud of her sons who are giving their all to the service of the country.

It is the purpose of the College to secure a list of all who have at any time been connected with the institution and who are in any branch of the service and have the names inscribed upon a Roll of Honor and hang the same in a prominent place in the Administration building.

It is not the purpose of the writer to give here a list of the names of all who have gone out. The information is not yet in hand and it will take a long time to secure all the names and probably then some very deserving, as all are, will be omitted. The writer therefore urges all who know of any former student in the service to inform him, that no name may be left off the roll. Mention will be made of the names of a few not for the purpose of magnifying the importance of their position above their fellows and comrades but to call attention to the spirit manifest in all.

They have gone from among the alumni and the various classes and from the large body of ex-students.

The oldest graduate in the service is Dr. John Gill Lilly, of the class of 1895, who is a Medical Reserve Officer stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. Dr. Lilly is one of the surviving two members of the first graduating class.

The second oldest graduates are Dr. James Percy Wall, of the class of 1899, who is "Somewhere in France;" and A. W. Dobyns, of same class, at Leon Springs, Texas. The third oldest graduates in the service are two brothers of the class of 1901—Dr. H. G. Fridge, who is a Medical Reserve Officer at Alexandria, La., and Arthur W. Fridge, who has received a commission as Captain in the Quartermaster's Department, and is stationed at Anniston, Ala. Captain Fridge served in Spanish-American war. The latest graduates to enter the service are the following members of the class of 1917: J. M. Allred, Paymaster's Department, U. S. Navy, New Orleans; Alfred Bending, First Mississippi Regiment Band; C. C. Case, Second Officers' Reserve Training Camp, Leon Springs, Texas; J. G. Watkins, First Officers' Reserve Training Camp, Little Rock, and commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Tenth Field Artillery, Douglass, Arizona.

G. B. Huddleston, Law 1914, is now with Gen. Pershing's Army in France. He and Dr. Wall are the only graduates who have been sent to the front. Six ex-students also have gone (See list below). First Lieutenant I. C. Enochs, Jr., 1911, was in training at Plattsburg in the summer of 1916, which prepared him for the service which he was called upon to render at Ft. McPherson and later, at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga.

The present Junior class holds the place of first honor

for number of enlisted men with the present Sophomore class and the class of 1914 as close seconds. The former having ten and the latter two nine each.

By classes the number is as follows:

1895	1
1899	2
1901	2
1904	1
1905	1
1906	1
1908	4
1909	1
1910	5
1911	4
1912	3
1913	3
1914	9
1915	1
1916	5
1917	4
1918	6
1919	10
1920	9
1921	7

The incomplete list is as follows:

The numerals after each name indicates the year of graduation.

J. G. Lilly, '95, Medical Reserve, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.

J. P. Wall, '99, captain Medical Reserve, France.

A. W. Dobyns, '99, Training Camp, Leon Springs, Tex.

A. W. Fridge, '01, captain Quartermaster's department, Anniston, Ala.

H. G. Fridge, '01, Medical Reserve, Alexandria, La.

Leonard Hart, '01, captain Medical Reserve, Charleston, S. C.

Eric Hyer, 28th Infantry, France.

John Ricketts, '05, Training Camp, Leon Springs, Tex.

E. L. Field, captain regular army.

Luther Manship, '08, Training Camp, Leon Springs, Texas.

W. C. Campbell.

Marion Johnson.

J. A. Baker, '06, Training, Camp Leon Springs, Texas.

H. K. Rachford.

W. F. Murrah, '08, Captain, Greenville, S. C.

J. F. Robinson, Captain.

W. B. Hogg, Chaplain.

W. C. Moore, '13, Training, Camp Leon Springs, Tex.

C. O. Jaap, Jr., First Lieut., 140th F. A.

W. C. Lester, France.

R. J. Whitfield, Training, Leon Springs.

O. P. Adams, '08.

J. A. Blount, '08, First Lieut. 155th Infantry.

J. P. Lester, France.

R. H. Ruff, '10, Y. M. C. A.

Alfred Kahn, Naval Hospital, New Orleans.

R. B. Sharborough, '09, Second Lieut. Camp Pike.

J. M. Alexander, Y. M. C. A., France.

I. C. Enochs, '11, First Lieut. Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Georgia.

Ford Bufkin, Y. M. C. A., Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga.

W. H. Pullen, Jr., First Lieut., France.

C. R. Rew, '10, Sergeant (dead).

Longstreet Cavett, First Lieut., 140th F. A.

William O. Graves.

W. B. Lewis, First Lieut., Medical Reserve.

G. B. Huddleston, '14, 28th Infantry, France.

W. DuBose Bratton, '10, Chaplain, 155th Infantry.

John Gass, Chaplain.

J. W. Crisler, Jr., '10, Training, Camp Leon Springs, Texas.

R. C. Berry, '11, Quartermaster's Dept., New Orleans.

A. R. Peebles, Corporal, 140th F. A.

J. H. Morris, Training, Camp Leon Springs, Texas.

John W. Robinson, 2nd Miss.

S. S. Taylor, Major Quartermaster's Dept., Jackson, Miss.

J. G. Watkins, '17, Second Lieut., 10th F. A., Douglass, Arizona.

M. B. Longino, Second Lieut., 140th F. A.

E. H. Green, '12, First Lieut., 140th F. A.

Clyde Davis Irving.

Samuel B. Lampton, '13.

H. H. Lester, '13, Second Lieut., 114th Engineers.

H. C. Selby.

James W. Welch.

C. W. Crisler, '14, Second Lieut., 140th F. A.

N. B. Harmon, Jr., '14, Y. M. C. A., Columbia, S. C.

Chalmers Potter, Second Lieut., Camp Pike.

T. E. Trice, Second Miss.

W. F. Henderson, '12, Medical Reserve, Kansas.

C. W. McDowell, '14, Training, Camp Leon Springs.

J. K. Vardaman, Jr., '15, Second Lieut., Camp Pike.

D. A. Garner, Aviation, Paris, France.

J. W. Brewer, Headquarters, 140th F. A.

E. P. Whitson, 155th Infantry.

C. H. Blewett.

W. F. Borum, Second Lieut., 140th F. A.

W. Otis Brumfield, Captain.
N. L. Cassibry, Captain, 140th F. A.
C. C. Case, '17, Training, Camp Leon Springs, Texas.
Inman I. Cook.
Waldo W. Moore, '14.
W. M. O'Donwell, '16, Navy (S. S. Annapolis).
Alfred Bending, '17, 155th Infantry.
John D. Davis.
L. H. Gates, First Sergeant, 140th F. A.
A. B. Holder.
W. L. Manship, First Lieut., Camp Pike.
W. C. McLean, '16, Training, Camp Leon Springs, Tex.
J. C. Riddell, Recruiting Office.
G. P. Waller.
C. D. Williams, 140th F. A.
W. F. Woollard.
W. H. Hilzim, Second Lieut., Camp Pike.
James McClure, Ft. Monroe.
J. E. Ridgeway, Sergeant, 140th F. A.
T. M. Robinson, Captain, 155th Infantry.
C. O. Pate, Hospital, Second Miss.
P. P. Bellinger, Sergeant, 140th F. A.
Paul Greenway, 155th Infantry.
Willard Harding, 140th F. A.
C. W. Hitt, Aviation, New Orleans.
C. G. Ventress, 140th F. A.
R. K. Villee.
James M. Wilson, Navy.
Edward Yerger, Training, Camp Leon Springs, Tex.
J. M. Greaves, '14, Second Lieut., Alexandria.
D. B. Morgan, 140th F. A.
J. M. Allred, '17, Paymaster's Dept., Navy, New Orleans, La.

T. H. Bingham, 140th F. A.
T. B. Ford, Jr.
Richard Holcomb.
W. M. McDowell.
Otto Porter, Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark.
W. S. Shipman, Training, Camp Leon Springs, Texas.
A. W. Taggort, First Sergeant, 155th Infantry.
R. B. Taylor.
C. M. Weldy, Supply Sergeant, 155th Infantry.
Lewis Worthy, 140th F. A.
Emory Holloman.
W. E. Bufkin, 140th F. A.
H. A. Craig.
L. E. Edwards.
Vester Gandy, Navy.
F. P. Holloman.
A. L. Shipman, 140th F. A.
B. A. Summer, 140th F. A.
S. C. Cook, 140th F. A.
J. L. Lipscomb, Aviation, Canada.
Leon Hendrick, '16.
J. K. Goza, Training, Camp Leon Springs.
J. R. Kidwell, Alexandria.
W. E. Toles.
W. J. Lampton.
W. R. Owens, First Lieut.
R. A. Harris, 140th F. A.
J. E. Tumbin, Camp Pike.
M. C. Huntley, 140th F. A.
J. G. Bird.
H. G. Cunningham, 140th F. A.
C. M. Jaco, Sergeant.
J. G. McGowan, 140th F. A.

R. Donald Sharp, 140th F. A.
N. H. Webb, Corporal, 140th F. A.
A. M. West, Camp Pike, Little Rock.
F. C. Yates, Sergeant, 140th F. A.
J. D. Boland.
J. L. Cockrum, Sergeant, 140th F. A.
L. P. McHalfey.
J. J. Valentine, '16, Russia, Capt.
C. F. Welch, 140th F. A.
J. C. Fant, Jr., 140th F. A.
S. S. Holliday, Navy.
I. H. Sells, Navy.
J. W. Sells, Navy.
T. A. Shipman, 140th F. A.
J. B. Shearer.
R. M. Yarbrough, Navy.
S. E. Ashmore.
W. B. Cunningham, 140th F. A.
C. C. McDonald, 155th Inft.
Curtis Green, '11, Captain, 140th F. A.
W. G. McLean, '14.
G. B. Ramsey, Jr.
G. C. Terrell, '10, Medical Reserve.
E. F. Howard.
Hal Tucker, 140th F. A.
Lewis Cook, 140th F. A.
Clay Roberts, Sergeant, Aviation, France.
F. W. Powell, Leon Springs.
Brownlee Harvey, '14.
W. H. Phillips, 140th F. A.
Leroy Turner, Navy.
Marcus Sharp.
J. B. Stubblefield.

Douglass Fondren.
Vernon Loton.
J. W. Case.
Griffin Taylor.
Raymond Applewhite.
Fulton Thompson, '12, Training, Leon Springs, Texas.
Stewart Brown.
Berney Whittle.
M. A. Pilgrim, '16.
Russell Harris.
R. J. Mullins.
T. F. Hendrick.
Royal Trawick.
Bascomb Cox.
Neeley Powers, '11.
A. J. Little.
B. B. McClendon.
P. H. Estes.
Earl Varner.
Dr. Frank McGahey, Camp Pike.
W. M. Willingham, Camp Pike.
I. W. Berryhill, France.
V. E. Boykin, Navy.
F. M. Featherstone, Signal Corps.
M. C. Henry, '04, Medical Reserve.
Charlton Jones.
Welling Cole.
J. A. Anderson, Recruiting Station.
T. M. Cooper, Camp Jefferson, St. Louis, Chemist.
In doubt as to following:
C. B. Beaulieu.
W. R. Applewhite.
A. F. Kelly.

J. S. Therrell.
L. A. Phillips.
E. E. Henry.
W. W. Sullivan.
J. E. Carr.
J. T. Jacobs.

THE Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN.

We quote from the *Purple and White,* the college paper edited by the students, an account of the recent campaign for funds to support Y. M. C. A. work in the army. It shows the commendable spirit with which the young men subscribed to the fund.

"The campaign for funds for the Army Y. M. C. A., which was carried on in all of the educational institutions in this State, was launched at Millsaps Friday evening, October 19, and the success of the movement was due to the earnest endeavor expended by a group of students, who pitched in to work immediately after the inspiring addresses of Rev. Ben Cox, J. L. Neill, and Mr. R. H. Legate, all leaders in the Army Y. M. C. A.

"The net results of the Millsaps drive reached $412.50, with a total of 80 subscriptions. This will average somewhat over $2.00 for the entire student body, or a per capita contribution of over $5.00 for the men who subscribed. In view of the fact that Millsaps is not a large college, this record was not thought to be a bad one at all."

PROGRESS ON THE DORMITORY CAMPAIGN.

Rev. M. M. Black reports that he is making unusually good progress in the collection of the $60,000 fund to be used in the erection of the new dormitory. Taking into consideration the demands that are being made upon the people by the various branches of army service, the Emory University campaign, and the campaigns for funds for other purposes, Brother Black is doing well to collect even a small amount. As most of our readers know, $30,000, or one-half of the total amount, was raised during the spring drive made at Jackson. The Commissioner went out into the State to collect the balance. His subscriptions have ranged from small amounts of a dollar or two to five hundred and a thousand dollars.

If the people respond to the appeals that are now being made as liberally as they have responded in the past few weeks, it will be possible to begin work upon the dormitory this spring and complete it before the opening of the session of 1918-19.

It is urgent that the dormitory be available for use as soon as possible. This session, despite the demoralization of the war, has shown but a slight decrease in the number of students in attendance. We may be sure that with the restoration of normal conditions the enrollment will be increased so as to make an additional dormitory imperative. The friends of the College are urged to coöperate with the Commissioner, and to assist in the raising of the fund to the fullest extent of their means.

THE WORK OF THE EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

STUART G. NOBLE, Director.

The Extension Department enters this fall the second year of its service in bringing the College into closer touch with the people of the State. We made our modest *debut* last year with the initiation of work looking toward the coöperation of the College with the public educational interests of the State. We sent out circular letters to one hundred high schools offering assistance in the matter of school organization and in the promotion of athletics and debating. We received a hearty response from the schools. We then made good our part of the bargain by compiling and circulating a list of fifty debatable questions with references and information, and by inviting the high schools to make use of the College auditorium for the holding of inter-scholastic debates. During the spring of last year we entertained six debating teams, representing as many city and agricultural high schools.

Our faith in the importance of work along this line has been in no measure diminished. In order still further to encourage the high schools in debating, we have this year enlisted the assistance to the Galloway and Lamar literary societies in the organization of literary societies in the high schools of the State. The members of these societies have been asked personally to take the initiative in establishing literary societies in the schools of their home towns. This may best be done by seeking the coöperation of the principals, by stirring up enthusiasm among the high school pupils, and by providing the school with constitution and by-laws drafted by a committee from the two College societies.

We coöperated last year with the public educational

interests by conducting through the Department of Education a class in methods of teaching for the benefit of the Jackson teachers. Through the courtesy of the State Board of Examiners about fifteen of these teachers, upon the completion of the course, secured a renewal of their licenses. The class has been continued this year, and already during the two years we have helped train while in service over seventy city teachers.

It will henceforth be the policy of the Extension Department to organize in the city special classes in subjects for which there seems to be a pronounced demand. These will be taught by the regular members of the faculty or by other competent instructors. Some weeks ago a request came from the ladies of the community for systematic instruction in the Bible. Doctor Watkins accordingly organized a class in the study of this subject which is holding regular weekly meetings. In response to a somewhat similar demand, Doctor Burton has now in process of organization a class in the study of Spanish. It might be mentioned also that Doctor Burton has been giving instruction in French twice a week to the soldiers in Camp Jackson. Through classes of this kind we hope to bring the College into closer touch with the community.

There appears to be an increasing demand in various parts of the State for lectures along social, religious, literary and scientific lines. In response to this demand the several members of our faculty have placed themselves at the disposal of the Extension Department for such engagements as we may be able to make for them. They have generously declined any remuneration for their services except the expense of railroad fare and entertainment. The Department will gladly arrange engagements upon these terms with any community desiring lectures.

To Bring the College into Closer Touch with the Church.

It occurs to us that the Extension Department might do something to strengthen the relation which the College sustains toward the Church. Founded by the Methodists of Mississippi to provide the intellectual equipment of the Christian manhood of the State, it should be the mission of the College to aid in every possible way the organization which gave it birth. Colleges all over the land are today recognizing their obligation to lend a helping hand to those who live beyond the campus gates as well as to those who come for instruction within its walls. Is there not some service which the College can render to the Church besides the actual instruction of the classroom?

There is much that may be suggested in this connection. There are many young ministers poorly equipped with libraries who need training while in service. The College might maintain circulating libraries and have them pass from one pastoral charge to another. This of course will require some expense for equipment and shipping, and the organization of administrative machinery for keeping the books in circulation, but if it makes our ministry more efficient, it will probably be worth the cost. However, we do not care to take this step without first consulting the wishes of those chiefly concerned—the ministers.

It is certainly within the power of the College to suggest reading courses for ministers and laymen. From time to time bulletins listing the new books along social and religious lines can be circulated among our patrons.

The College authorities are also in a position to advise the progressive ministers who are attempting social surveys of their communities.

It has been suggested that the College hold an institute for the Methodist ministers either in mid-winter or during the summer months. Such an institute would be of great value in bringing the ministers in touch with new ideas, and would help to keep them out of the ruts. The best informed ministers and social workers could be secured to give a regular course of instruction for perhaps two weeks.

These are merely suggestions. If they are worth while we can perhaps find it in our power to promote them. We do not, however, care to anticipate a demand on the part of the ministers. Not one of these suggestions will succeed without the cordial coöperation of every one concerned. Perhaps there are other things for us to do more worth our while. If so, we invite advice from any one who has an idea.

We would suggest, in conclusion, that each of the Methodist Conferences appoint a special committee, or at least empower its committee on education, to consult with the Extension Department relative to the needs of the Church, and advise us as to the capacity in which we can be of most service. The Conferences will find us ready to coöperate to the fullest extent of our resources.